



STONES AND BONES



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President's Letter

I hope everyone is rested from their vacations. I'm not—but that's because I'm not through yet. We'll be attending the SFMS Annual Meeting in Greenville, SC over labor day weekend. This will be held in conjunction with their annual gem & mineral show. From there, we'll head out to the Denver wholesale shows, by way of St. Louis. We've already picked up a couple of items for the Chinese Auction and hope to find more in Denver.

Jim was able to pound rocks in Maine and he has a new (to him) find. See page 4 for pictures and his story.

As I stated last month, I will not be returning as President next year. Laurie Williams has also asked to step down as Secretary. We've both held our positions for quite a while and it's time to let someone else have all the fun. We will be forming a nominating committee in the next couple of weeks. If you are asked to serve, please consider it. It's **YOUR** club. I think the club will benefit from new blood and someone with better leadership skills than I have. It's not a difficult job, but I don't feel I have the time to devote to it.

I appreciate all the help I've received and everyone's vote of confidence over the last few years.

Cindy Reed, President

Since we did not meet in August, there are no meeting minutes in this issue.

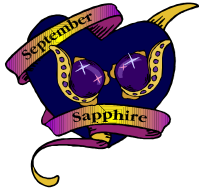
Member Concerns

We have several members under the weather at this time. Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers.

Bill Niazy's lovely lady, Virginia, is still having health problems.

Linda Crocetti has recently had surgery





Birthdays and Anniversaries



Birthdays

Lorraine Auger

Jeff Bland

Susan Burns

Fred Hendershot

Jan Liles

Charles Rooney

Jeff Stewart

Ron Williams

Anniversaries

Gene & Juanita Bergfield

Chuck & Donna Douglas

Barbara Frederick

Rose & Kevin Gervase

Laurie & Chuck Williams

Birthstones

Modern Birthstone - Sapphire

Traditional Birthstone - Sapphire

Mystical Birthstone - Agate

Ayurvedic Birthstone - Moonstone

Other -Chrysolite, Zircon

Sardonyx

September 2011 Shows and Swap Meets

16-18—JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA: Annual show; Jacksonville Gem & Mineral Society; Morocco Temple, 3800 St. Johns Bluff Rd. S; Fri. 1-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$3, children 12 and under free; exhibits, Gems, Minerals, Fossils, Jewelry, lapidary arts, competitive displays, demonstrations, silversmithing, cabbing, faceting, beading, wire wrapping, chain making, glass bead making, door prizes, Kids' Education and Fun Zone; contact Tom Frame, 3133 Chapelwood Ln., Jacksonville, FL 32216; e-mail: JGMS_SHOW@hotmail.com; Web site: jaxgemandmineral.org

Upcoming Shows

Oct 8-9—ORLANDO, FLORIDA: Annual show; Florida Fossil Hunters; Central Florida Fairgrounds, 4603 W. Colonial Dr.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$4, children \$1; fossils, rocks, minerals, gems, artifacts, children's dig pit, educational exhibits, silent auctions, supplies; contact Valerie First, 223 Ringwood Dr., Winter Springs, FL 32708, (407) 699-9274; e-mail: vjfirst@aol.com; Web site: www.floridafossilhunters.com

Oct 22-23—PLANT CITY, FLORIDA: Show and sale; Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club; Florida Strawberry Festival Expo Bldg., 2301 W. Oak Ave.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, students \$4, children under 12 free; crystals, minerals, fossils, gems, beads, unique and custom-made jewelry, lapidary supplies, lapidary and jewelry making demonstrations, children's Touch Table and Sand Mine, door prizes; contact Carolee Boyles, (813) 831-1944; e-mail: clubpresident@tampabayrockclub.com; Web site: www.tampabayrockclub.com

Oct 29-30—STUART, FLORIDA: Annual show; St. Lucie County Rock & Gem Club; Martin County Fairgrounds, 2616 SE Dixie Hwy. (A1A); Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$3, children under 12 free with adult, coupon on Web site; demonstrations, displays, silent auction, raffle, about 24 dealers; contact Norman Holbert, 455 SW Balfour Ave., Port St. Lucie, FL 34953 (772) 873-0787; e-mail: normholbert@bellsouth.net; Web site: slrockandgem.org

Some links to help you keep track of upcoming shows.

<http://www.rockngem.com/showdates>

<http://www.jewelryshowguide.com/event/>



SFMS Workshops for 2011

We have received the schedule for the Federation workshops at William Holland and Wild Acres.

If you would like more information or a registration form, please let me know. I'd love for our club to have a good showing this year.

Session 1, William Holland, 6/12-18/11		Session 2, Wild Acres, 8/22-28/11	
Seed Beading	Barbara Green		
Cabochons	Richard Stafford	Cabochons	Pat Davis
Chain Making	Dee Conybear	Enameling/Cold Conn.	Rebecca
Enameling	Richard Stafford	Faceting	
Faceting		Gem ID	
Lampwork		Metalsmith	
Mineral	Scott Forward	Silver Filigree	Stafford / Gibney
Opals	Dee Boyce	Stone Setting	Roberts
Silver I	Roberts	Wire Beginning	Velma Lawson
Silver II	Vicky Prillaman		
Silver Filigree	Stafford / Warrick		
Wire I	Velma Lawson		

Session 3, Wild Acres, 9/12-18/11		Session 4, William Holland, 10/9-16/11	
		Bead Weaving	Ron Midkiff
Cabochons	Anita Westlake	Cabochons	Anita Westlake
Casting	John Lacullo	Chain Making	Dee & Bill Conybear
Chain Making	Kathy Morris	Enameling	Lynda Williams
Lampwork Beads	Linda White	Faceting	Mary Lou Kick
Mineral ID	Scott Forward	Fused Glass	Addy DePietro
Raku Beads	Jim Cullen	Jadeite Carving	Bill Smith
Silver Cold Conn.	Charlotte Caughman	Lampwork Beads	Cindy Reed
Silver Filigree	Stafford / Gibney	Opals	Joe DePietro
		Silver Filigree	Stafford / Warrick
		Southwest Silver	Dan Haga
		Silver II	Vicky Prillaman
		Wire I	Judy Peppers

Only two sessions left. We'll be at the October week. Come join us.



GRAPHITI STONE

By Jim Reed

“While on our trip to Maine a few weeks ago, Cindy let me go pound & break some rocks at Mount Apatite. This is one of a few locations that is open to the public where you are able to obtain rocks from one of the famous pegmatite mines of Maine. In case you are not familiar with this term, a pegmatite is a very coarse intrusive igneous rock composed mainly of quartz, feldspar, and mica in grains that interlock. There are other minerals in the pegmatite including tourmaline which is mainly black. But sometimes the tourmaline is pink or green (watermelon) and can be faceted. In fact, Maine has produced some of the world’s best tourmaline (it is the state stone of Maine).

The rock that I was able to obtain is a mixture of quartz and white albite feldspar in a graphic texture. You have to cut it correctly to obtain the pattern you see in the pictures. Since it is a graphic texture, I decided to name it “Graphiti” Stone.





Statement of Principals

1. To stimulate interest in the collection, study, identification, and classification of gem, mineral & fossil specimens.
2. To disseminate knowledge of lapidary work and classification of gems, minerals & fossils, and their applications in the arts and sciences.
3. To encourage and facilitate instruction in the various elements of mineralogy and lapidary work and identification and classification of fossils.
4. To arrange and conduct field trips for collection of specimens.
5. To participate by displaying and taking part in all local, state, and Federation shows to the greatest possible extent.
6. To encourage adherence to the American Federation of Mineralogical Society's Code of Ethics.

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Location of Meetings

First Presbyterian Church
175 Lake Hollingsworth Dr.
Lakeland

<http://www.fpclakeland.org/contact-us/map--directions/>

Directions: Take the Bartow Hwy (US-98 S) until you get to Hollingsworth Rd. at Lakeland High School.

Turn onto Hollingsworth Rd (toward the school). At the lake veer Left onto Lake Hollingsworth Rd. FPC is on the left. You will pull in the drive right next to the Hollingsworth apartments and park on that side. There's a children's playground there, so you can't miss it. If you go in the North entrance, just drive around the building and come to the other side. We'll have the front double doors open (facing the lake). The room # is 221



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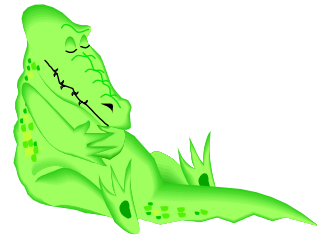
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Happy Labor Day

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Imperial Bone Valley Gem, Mineral and Fossil Society, Inc. meets at 7:00 P.M., the second Thursday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church, 175 Lake Hollingsworth Dr, Lakeland. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 8, 2011.

Visitors are always welcome.

Check out our website at www.bonevalley.net or Like us on Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/?ref=logo#!/pages/Auburndale-FL/Bone-Valley-Gem-Mineral-Fossil-Club/300043398239?ref=mf>

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 	6	7	8 <i>Meeting 7pm</i>	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 <i>1st Day of Autumn</i>	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

- Schedule of Events**
- **9/5 Labor Day**
 - **9/8 Meeting 7pm First Presbyterian**



The Reed's will still be on their travels during September and October.
 If you would like to use the shop during these months, please call and we'll have someone meet you there. Jim Reed 863-644-6665 or 863-255-0651 or 863-255--5256.